BULLI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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About the same time as the Church of England was being built the first Bulli Roman Catholic Church-school was also being built, although a small school had been conducted for a few years from 1863 in a small slab building. The actual site "on the north side of the main road, on the Woonona side of Mailbag Hollow" was just south of Slacky Flat bowling green of today and was purchased from William Campbell by Very Rev. D. Flanagan, parish priest in 1880. Materials were soon on the ground and on Sunday, July 11, Mass was celebrated within the half finished walls by Dean Flanagan in the presence of His Grace Archbishop Vaughan and priests of surrounding parishes. The building of brick costing about £400 to seat 100 people was built by Cavanagh. The Church of St. Joseph was opened and blessed by Very Rev. Mons. Lynch, of Campbelltown, assisted by visiting priests on Sunday, September 11, 1881. In it the Sisters of St. Joseph opened the Roman Catholic School on Monday, February 13, 1882, with fifty children. It served for a quarter of a century before the site was abandoned for a more prominent and spacious one in Park Road.

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